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1. SENATOR KENNEDY REQUESTS FOLLOWING ACTION BE TAKEN ON
RECEIPT SPEECH TEXT. TELEPHONE RICK BURKE (HOME: 333-5807;
OFFICE 224-2607) AND REQUEST HE PICK UP CABLE EARLY
THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 12, FOR TYPING AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AS KENNEDY PRESS RELEASE. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. SPEECH OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY AT FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS CLUB, TOKYO, JANUARY 12, 1978. TITLE:
"JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY." BEGIN
TEXT:

IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN TOKYO WITH YOU
TODAY IN THIS AUSPICIOUS WEEK FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
NATIONS. IN RECENT YEARS, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN
AND THE UNITED STATES HAS BECOME A BEACON OF INCREASING
STRENGTH AND DURABILITY IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING
WORLD. WE PRIDE OURSELVES, AND RIGHTLY SO, ON OUR
CAPACITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS AND
OUR ABILITY TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER NATIONS. OUR
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BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS BUILT UPON A FIRM COMMIT-
MENT OF COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP IN ASIA AND THE
WORLD.

THIS CLOSE AND ENDURING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES IS PERHAPS THE BEST EXAMPLE IN THE
WORLD TODAY OF HOW TWO NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT CULTURES

IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD CAN FIND COMMON BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS ALL THE MORE UNIQUE, BECAUSE IT HAS RISEN LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES OF A TRAGIC WAR. THROUGH WISE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLFUL STATE-MANSHIP IN BOTH OUR NATIONS, WE HAVE CREATED A STRONG AND ENDURING ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES. IT IS AN ALLIANCE FOUNDED UPON MUTUAL BENEFIT, MUTUAL DEPENDENCE, MUTUAL TRUST, AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

IN THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, JAPAN HAS SURPASSED ALL OTHER NATIONS IN ITS ABILITY TO MODERNIZE ITS ECONOMY AND TO CREATE NEW INDUSTRIES CAPABLE OF COMPETING WITH ANY ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE. IN THE WAKE OF THE OIL CRISIS, NO COUNTRY HAS MOVED MORE RAPIDLY THAN JAPAN TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE POSITION, IN ORDER TO MEET THE SOARING COSTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS VERY SUCCESS MAKES JAPAN VULNERABLE TO THE FRUSTRATIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FARED LESS WELL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SOLVE THIS CENTRAL GLOBAL PROBLEM.

THERE IS A MORE IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION, HOWEVER. I AM NOT HERE TODAY TO MAKE DEMANDS OF JAPAN. YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF UNSOLICITED ADVICE IN RECENT MONTHS.

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BUT THERE ARE FACTS TO FACE. MUCH OF THE WORLD BELIEVES THAT JAPAN MAINTAINS TOO MANY PRACTICES THAT KEEP OUT FOREIGN IMPORTS. AS A RESULT, JAPAN IS ALSO INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE TO CHARGES OF UNFAIRNESS IN ITS TRADE.

IN LIGHT OF THESE CHARGES, IT IS RIGHT THAT JAPAN SHOULD CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH IT CAN FOSTER MORE OPEN TRADE AND REDUCE ITS CURRENT SURPLUS. IT SHOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE GREATER IMPORTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS.⁸ :7443,5)6, JAPAN IMPORTS A FAR LOWER PROPORTION OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED TRADING PARTNER OF THE UNITED STATES. THE CONCERN OVER THIS FACT AMONG INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES IS EVIDENT TO EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN OUR NATION.

JAPAN SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE WAYS IN WHICH IT ORGANIZES ITS TRADE WITH ITS TRADING PARTNERS. IMPORTING AND EXPORTING OPERATIONS ARE COMPLICATED BY MANY LEVELS OF MARKETING AND TRADITIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THESE RELATIONSHIPS IMPEDE COMPETITION IN IMPORTING GOODS THAT JAPANESE INDUSTRY AND JAPANESE CONSUMERS

DESIRE.

I COME FROM A REGION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THESE PROBLEMS. IN THE RECENT PAST, IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS SUCH AS TEXTILES AND SHOES HAVE WIPED OUT ENTIRE INDUSTRIES IN MANY PARTS OF MY REGION OF NEW ENGLAND. IN MY STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS ALONE, OVER 150,000 PEOPLE ARE NOW UNEMPLOYED. AND NEW ENGLAND, LIKE JAPAN, IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN OIL.

MORE THAN ANY OTHER FACTOR, THE DEMAND FOR JOBS AND JOB PROTECTION IS CREATING A NEW WAVE OF PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES. AN UNEMPLOYED TEXTILE WORKER OR UNCLASSIFIED

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STEEL WORKER DOES NOT WANT TO HEAR COMPLEX ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OPEN TRADE POLICIES. HE DOES NOT WANT A CHECK FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION. HE DOES NOT WANT A WELFARE CHECK. HE WANTS A JOB. IT IS EASY FOR HIM TO SEE THE THREAT OF IMPORTS TO HIS JOB AND FAMILY. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SEE THE BENEFITS OF EXPORTS AND EXPANDING TRADE.

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IN THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CLIMATE OF STANGNATION AND SLUGGISH GROWTH, THE EXISTENCE OF

SERIOUS TRADE BARRIERS IN ANY NATION IS AN INVITATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES.

I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION IS TROUBLESOME, NOT ONLY FOR JAPAN, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE OF US IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE FRIENDS OF JAPAN AND WHO HOPE TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN TRADE POLICY. IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AN OPEN TRADE POLICY ON THE PART OF AMERICA, WHEN A VARIETY OF RESTRICTIVE POLICIES CONTINUE TO BE PRACTICED ON THE PART OF JAPAN.

WE ARE AWARE, OF COURSE, THAT JAPAN'S PROSPERITY IS DEPENDENT ON RAW MATERIALS IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS. BUT THE JAPANESE ECONOMY IS A STRONG AND RESILIENT ONE. AS A MODERN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER, JAPAN SHOULD BE IN THE VANGUARD AMONG NATIONS SEEKING TO SUPPORT THE STABILITY OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. SUCH STEPS ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL IN THE LONG RUN, IF JAPAN'S OWN TRADE-ORIENTED ECONOMY IS TO PROSPER IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS AS TO THE DIFFICULTY OF THIS

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CHALLENGE. A WORLD ENERGY CRISIS, SIMULTANEOUS RECESSIONS AND INFLATION, WORLD FOOD SHORTAGES, AND DRASTIC TRADE IMBALANCES POST CONSTANT THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILITY. OFTEN, WISE ADJUSTMENTS IN TRADE POLICY ARE EASILY BLOCKED OR IMPEDED BY DOMESTIC POLITICAL REACTIONS. BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS IN BOTH OUR NATIONS, THESE NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS RARELY TAKE PLACE OVERNIGHT.

BUT THE OUTLOOK IS NOT WITHOUT SOME SIGNS OF HOPE. A NUMBER OF RECENT EVENTS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING. WE WELCOME PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A GROWTH RATE OF SEVEN PERCENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM, TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND INCREASES IN JAPANESE QUOTAS ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT JAPAN INTENDS TO INCREASE ITS IMPORTS AND REDUCE ITS CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS.

AMBASSADOR BOERT STRAUSS, PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, IS IN TOKYO TODAY AND TOMORROW. HE IS HERE TO CARRY ON THE KIND OF FRANK DIALOGUE ABOUT THESE DIFFICULT MATTERS THAT MARKS THE CLOSE AND GROWING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THIS FRANK APPROACH TO OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS, I BELIEVE WE CAN WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER TO RESIST THE HARMFUL PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES THAT THREATEN TO UNDERMINE OUR OWN TRADE RELATIONS AND THE STABILITY OF TRADE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SUCH PRESSURES, IF ALLOWED TO GROW, CAN BRING SEVERE DAMAGE TO MANY NATIONS. THEY CAN BLIGHT THE ECONOMIC,
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SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

TO AVOID THIS DISASTROUS VISION OF THE FUTURE, WE MUST PROMOTE STABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN OUR RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC ECONOMIES. WE MUST STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ALL INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. AND WE MUST PURSUE POLICIES THAT ARE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS.

THE LESSONS OF HISTORY TEACH US THAT OUR TRADE POLICY MIRRORS THE AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR NATION.

IN PROTEST AGAINST A TARIFF IN THE YEAR 1773, THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS THREW SHIPMENTS OF TEA INTO THE BOSTON HARBOR, THEREBY TAKING A MAJOR STEP TOWARD THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, OUR NATION MOVED INTO ISOLATION. WE RETREATED INTO A VIRULENT FORM OF PROTECTIONISM THAT REAKX ITS PEAK WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE SMOOT-HAWLEY TARIFF, A LAW WHICH ONLY SERVED TO PROLONG AND DEEPEN THE DEPRESSION.

FORTUNATELY, IN THE POST-WAR ERA, WE SUCCEEDED IN REVERSING THIS TREND TOWARD ISOLATION AND PROTECTIONISM. WE OPENED OUR DOORS TO TRADE. WE ENTERED A PERIOD OF UNPARALLELED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY.

ONE EXAMPLE FROM RECENT HISTORY ILLUMINATES OUR CURRENT DILEMMA. DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN THE EARLY 1960'S, THE UNITED STATES HAD A TRADE SURPLUS WITH JAPAN. JAPAN WAS JUSTIFIABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SURPLUS, AND RIGHTLY DEMANDED FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN TRADE BARRIERS.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY RESPONDED GENEROUSLY TO THE CHALLENGE OF OPEN TRADE. HE CALLED FOR THE REMOVAL
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OF TRADE BARRIERS, BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES TO JAPAN AND OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. HE SAID, "NO NATION CAN LONG BEAR THE HEAVIEST BURDENS OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT SHARING IN THE PROGRESS AND DECISIONS -- JUST AS NO NATION CAN ASSERT FOR LONG ITS INFLUENCE WITHOUT ACCEPTING ITS SHARE OF THESE BURDENS."

NOW THE TABLES ARE TURNED. JAPAN HAS THE SURPLUS, AND IT IS A LARGE ONE. AND THE ROLE OF JAPAN HAS ALSO CHANGED. AS A LEADING ECONOMIC POWER IN THE MODERN WORLD, JAPAN IS NOW BEING ASKED TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES, AS WELL AS THE BENEFITS, OF CREATING AND MAINTAINING A HEALTHY GLOBAL ECONOMY.

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THREE ARE ALSO ECONOMIC BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE FACED BY THE UNITED STATES. A WEAK AMERICAN ECONOMY POSES THE GREATEST THREAT TODAY TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILITY. WE CANNOT FAIRLY ASK JAPAN TO ACT, WITHOUT ALSO TAKING ACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TO PUT OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER.

WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO AT HOME. OUR NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM MUST BE ENACTED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DELAY, IN ORDER TO REDUCE AMERICA'S EXCESSIVE AND GROWING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL AND TO INCREASE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY. WE MUST HOLD DOWN THE RATE OF INFLATION. WE MUST PROMOTE

ECONOMIC GROWTH ADEQUATE TO REACH FULL EMPLOYMENT.
WE MUST INCREASE OUR OWN PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY,
IN ORDER TO COMPETE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH IMPORTS.
AND WE MUST EDUCATE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND THE
AMERICAN CONGRESS TO THE FACT THAT OPEN TRADE POLI-
CIES WILL MEAN MORE JOBS FOR MORE AMERICANS AND A
MORE PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR MORE PEOPLES EVERYWHERE.

IN ADDITION, OTHER NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE
UNITED STATES, MUST MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO SELL
THEIR PRODUCTS TO JAPAN. AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND
WOMEN MUST DO A BETTER JOB OF LEARNING THE LANGUAGE
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OF JAPAN AND THE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF ITS
PEOPLE. AS ONE WHO COMES FROM A STATE IN AMERICA
THAT PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS REPUTATION AS THE HOME OF
"YANKEE TRADERS," I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE DO NOT
DESERVE LARGER SHARES OF YOUR MARKETS UNLESS WE WORK
HARD ENOUGH TO WIN THEM.

OUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON VITAL TRADE ISSUES
MUST GO ON. THESE EXCHANGES ARE CRITICAL, FOR I AM
CONVINCED THAT THE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS OF ANY
MISUNDERSTANDING OF OUR TRADE POLICIES WILL BE MORE
LIKELY TO STRAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND
THE UNITED STATES THAN THE ACTUAL ECONOMIC EFFECTS
OF THESE POLICIES. THE SO-CALLED "NIXON SHOCKS"
PROVIDED AMPLE EVIDENCE IN RECENT YEARS OF THE NEED
FOR THOROUGH CONSULTATION, AS WELL AS THE NEED TO
TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE STRONG DOMESTIC POLITICAL
PRESSURES IN EACH COUNTRY. WE ARE COMMITTEE TO
AVOIDING SUCH SHOCKS IN THE FUTURE. WE MUST SETTLE
ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US THROUGH COOPERATION AND
CONSULTATION.

THE MISSION OF AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IN TOKYO TODAY
AND TOMORROW SHOULD CONCLUDE THE MANY MONTHS OF CLOSE
CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE BEEN
ENGAGED. IT DEMONSTRATES OUR MUTUAL ABILITY TO
TACKLE THESE DIFFICULTIES IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP,
UNDERSTANDING, AND RESPECT THAT PROPERLY GOVERNS OUR
CLOSE RELATIONS.

ABOVE ALL, IT DEMONSTRATES A GENUINE NEW ELEMENT
IN OUR RELATIONSHIP, THE NEW MATURITY AT WHICH OUR
COUNTRIES HAVE ARRIVED. OUR PROBLEMS MAY SEEM
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DIFFICULT. BUT WE HAVE A NEW CONFIDENCE, A NEW SHARED WISDOM, THAT WE CAN TREAT THESE CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES, THAT NO PROBLEM IS TOO DIFFICULT TO BE SOLVED BY THE SKILLFUL AND PATIENT EFFORTS OF OUR LEADERS AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PEOPLES.

SO, I AM HERE TODAY AS AN ADVOCATE OF COOPERATION AND PEACEFUL CHANGE. I AM HERE AS AN ADVOCATE OF OPEN WORLD TRADE, WITH THE HOPE THAT OUR ONGOING EFFORTS WILL LEAD TO THE REMOVAL, NOT THE CREATION, OF OBSTACLES TO COMMERCE. I AM PLEASED THE PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING. IT IS A MOST HOPEFUL SIGN FOR THE FUTURE.

THERE IS ONE OTHER MAJOR COMMON ISSUE TO DISCUSS. IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WE CANNOT FORGET OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE ISSUE OF TRADE CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE ISSUE OF DEVELOPMENT. CONTINUED LARGE SURPLUSES OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS MEAN DEFICITS IN THE THIRD WORLD AND THE FOURTH WORLD -- DEFICITS WHICH TRANSLATE INTO GREATER POVERTY AND GREATER HUMAN MISERY FOR MILLIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE WATERS OF THE SEAS THAT WASH UPON THE SHORES OF JAPAN ARE THE SAME WATERS THAT WASH UPON THE SHORES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE CURRENTS OF THE OCEANS THAT SWEEP MAJESTICALLY ALONG THE COASTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE THE SAME CURRENTS THAT SWEEP ALONG THE COASTS OF AFRICA AND INDIA AND LATIN AMERICA.

WE CANNOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT THE POORER TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION CONTINUES TO LIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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AT OR BELOW THE LEVEL OF MINIMUM SUBSISTENCE, WHILE LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION CONSUMES 85 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION. WE CANNOT IGNORE THEIR FACES PRESSED AGAINST OUR WINDOWS. WE CANNOT IGNORE THEIR SILENT CRIES FOR HELP.

THE FUTURE OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD DEPENDS ON THE WILL OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO REDRESS

THE INHERITED DISADVANTAGES OF THE POOR. WE MUST
SEEK AGREEMENTS TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A
VARIETY OF STEPS:

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-- STABILIZATION OF WORLD PRICES FOR COMMODI-
TIES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- INCREASED DIRECT TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE.

-- PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO MARKETS IN
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

-- INCREASED MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE
THROUGH INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK.

-- AND IMPROVED FINANCING, INCLUDING LONGER
TERMS AND LOWER INTEREST RATES, FOR EXPORTS FROM
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

BUILDING A NEW FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED WORLD AND THE DEVELOPING
WORLD HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR CHALLENGES OF
THE FINAL QUARTER OF THIS CENTURY. WE HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE AWAY FROM MILITARY CONFRONTA-
TION TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION, FROM THE PURSUIT OF
MILITANT AND NARROW NATIONAL INTERESTS TO THE
PURSUIT OF BROADER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. WE
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CAN SUBSTITUTE HEALTH CLINICS FOR FIGHTER PLANES,
SCHOOLS FOR TANKS, AND HOUSING FOR GUNS.

BOTH OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEGUN TO
RESPOND TO THIS CHALLENGE. JAPAN'S INTENTION TO
DOUBLE ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE NEXT FIVE
YEARS AND TO UNTIE ITS AID PROGRAMS ARE MAJOR STEPS
FORWARD. WE LOOK AHEAD TO PROMOTE ACTION THAT WILL
IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN. WE WILL BOTH HAVE TO DO MORE
TOGETHER IN THE YEARS TO COME.

HERE AGAIN, I AM HAPPY TO SEE ACTIVE AND
PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE
UNITED STATES. I UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNOR
GILLIGAN, OUR A.I.D. ADMINISTRATOR, IS HOLDING
EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS THIS WEEK WITH HIS COUNTER-
PARTS IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT ONCE
GAIN, GOOD MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING
ARE PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS.

TOGETHER, WE SEEK TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF A
WORLD PROFOUNDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD SCARRED
BY WAR A GENERATION AGO. NEW RELATIONSHIPS ARE
BEING BORN. PAST DIFFERENCES HAVE GIVEN WAY TO A
NEW MOVEMENT TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IN WHICH
ALL NATIONS SHARE COMMON GOALS AND DREAMS.

AS WE MOVE TOWARD GREATER INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG
OUR NATIONS AND PEOPLES, OLD MYTHS MUST BE DISCARDED
AND NEW REALITIES MUST BE EMBRACED. THE ACTIONS ON
WHICH WE HAVE NOW EMBARKED CAN BE THE BEGINNING OF
A NEW AND EVEN MORE PROSPEROUS HISTORICAL ERA FOR
OUR NATIONS.

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JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE ON THE
THRESHOLD OF A NEW PERIOD OF PARTNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP
IN THE FREE WORLD. COMMITTED TO ONE ANOTHER,
SECURE IN OUR FRIENDSHIP, WE MOVE AHEAD TO THE FUTURE,
CONFIDENT THAT THE PROMISE OF OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS
WILL BE FULLY MET.

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